

their treatment program. The school offers several vocational classes, special education services, and GED preparation and testing.

The majority of students admitted to Mountain View Youth Development Center are identified as being appropriate for general treatment programming. However, students with specialized treatment needs may be routed through one of the three specialized treatment programs offered on-site.

Mountain View YDC offers the first residential drug and alcohol program in a secure State facility in Tennessee. Students who have been identified as being chemically addicted to drugs and/or alcohol are referred to the program, which is based on the 12-step model for drug and alcohol rehabilitation treatment.

East Tennessee Accelerated Program

The East Tennessee Accelerated Program (ETAP) was designed to expedite transitioning appropriate students back into the community at an accelerated rate. Students who do not present a high security risk to the community or to themselves are placed in the ETAP for a shortened, but intensive treatment program. The program is demanding due to the shortened length of stay in the institution, but students are rewarded for their hard work by being able to complete their treatment program in a community-based group home. In FY98-99, Mountain View transitioned 119 students to DCS Group Homes after an average length of stay of 4.5 months.

Students who are not making progress in their treatment program due to significant or extreme behavior are referred by their Treatment Teams to the Special Management Program (SMP) for short-term, behavior-specific treatment. The students in the program are segregated from other Mountain View Youth Development students in that they eat, sleep, recreate, and go to school in a self-contained, 12-bed unit. The SMP is structured to allow students to focus on modifying and/or eliminating the problem behavior(s) that resulted in their initial placement in the program. As their behavior improves, the students are eligible to earn privileges with fewer restrictions. Once the student has maintained his